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Supply of electricity to certain villages in Thiruvadanai taluk, Ramanathapuram district.

* 1057 *Q.*—SRI P. CHELLATHURAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to supply electricity to Sarugani, Thiruvadanai, Thondi and Rajasingamangalam villages in Thiruvadanai taluk, Ramanathapuram district; and if so, when?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The villages referred to are in the area of supply of the South Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited. The feasibility of supply of electricity to the villages was investigated by the licensee as early as 1947, but it was found unremunerative to him. The position has been re-examined by the licensee recently and he has reported that the load prospects in the area have not improved even now, so as to yield a reasonable return on the estimated cost of Rs. 3·7 lakhs for the extension. Extension of supply of electricity to the villages is, therefore, not feasible at present."

Appointment of the Labour Inspectors for the enforcement of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act.

* 1058 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Labour Inspectors appointed to enforce the Madras Shops and Establishments Act in the State; and

(*b*) the annual cost to the State in enforcing the Act?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) There are 140 Assistant Inspectors of Labour in the State for the purpose.

" (*b*) Rs. 5,84,000 approximately."

Stalls opened by the Agriculture and Industries Departments in the Exhibition held in Madras in 1952.

* 1059 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of stalls opened by the Department of Agriculture and Industries in the Exhibition held in Madras in 1952;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The number of stalls taken by the Agricultural Department and the Industries Department in the All India Khadi, Swadeshi and Industrial Exhibition held at Teynampet, Madras, from 18th December 1952 to 8th February 1953 was 18 and 32 respectively.

" (*b*) The expenditure incurred by the Agricultural Department by participation in this Exhibiton was Rs. 8,858–4–6. The Industries Department incurred an expenditure of Rs. 12,115–9–0."